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SUBJECT: LIBYA'S SUCCESSION MUDDLED AS THE AL-QADHAFI CHILDREN CONDUCT INTERNECINE WARFARE

REF: A) 08 TRIPOLI 564, B) 08 TRIPOLI 592, C) TRIPOLI 198, D) 08 TRIPOLI 870 , E) 08 TRIPOLI 679, F) 08 TRIPOLI 494, G) TRIPOLI 196, H) TRIPOLI

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy - Tripoli, U.S. Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d) 1. (C) Summary: A series of events s
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[13.](#) (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX the arrest of Hannibal al-Qadhafi, a son of Muammar al-Qadhafi, in Geneva in mid-July (ref B subsequent) and a visit to Rc
... PROMPT AN AL-QADHAFI FAMILY MEETING

[14.](#) (C) The upshot of Muatassim's solicitation of funds, Hannibal's arrest and Saadi's jaunt was an al-Qadhafi family meeting in mid-August. Al
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instead assign his daughter, Aisha al-Qadhafi, the task of monitoring the activities of ne'er-do-wells Saadi, Hannibal and Saif al-Arab. (Note:

[15.](#) XXXXXXXXXXXX have told us that Aisha played a strong role in urging a hardline Libyan position with respect to the Swiss-Libyan contretemps
INCREASED TENSION BETWEEN SAIF AL-ISLAM AND MUATASSIM

[16.](#) (C) Against that backdrop of tension, competition between Saif al-Islam, whom most still regard as the heir-apparent, and Muatassim, whose

[17.](#) (C) Saif al-Islam's highly-publicized visit to the U.S. last November-December exacerbated tension with his siblings, particularly Muatassi
THE KNIVES COME OUT

[18.](#) (C) Recent events have fueled speculation that inter-sibling rivalries, and those of the more conservative regime elements they represent,
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[19.](#) (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX

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[11.](#) (C) Comment: While internecine strife is nothing new for the famously fractious al-Qadhafi family, the recent escalation of tension betwee
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and as a threat to conservative regime elements, many of whom personally played a part in the most serious transgressions of the late 1970's ar

[12.](#) (C) Comment (continued): Persistent rumors about Muammar al-Qadhafi's declining health have lent particular urgency to questions about suc